

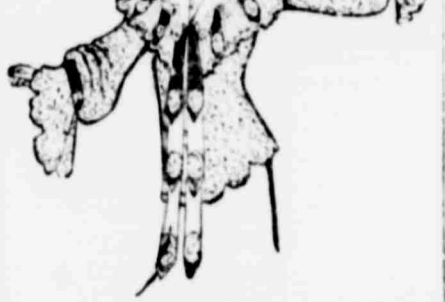
## THIN WRAPS OF LACE OR SILK.

VERY PRETTY THIS YEAR AND  
VARIED BEYOND PRECEDENT.A range of modes from boleros to long  
coats to suit every figure—Elaborate  
Decorations—The Useful Dust Cloaks  
Handsome Buttons a Feature.Wonderfully, if not fearfully made are  
the season's wraps and coats. They vary  
beyond precedent to an extent, indeed,  
which might seem the limit of human in-  
vention if it were not for the marvelous  
ingenuity of the artists who design our  
garments.Continuous change is the order of their  
being, and we have it without end in this  
department as in every other. The very  
earliest thing for dress is the lace coat,  
either black or white, heavy or thin, as you  
like, while as to form there is no definite  
line.From boleros to the longest coat there  
is a range of modes to suit every style of  
figure. The loose three-quarter length  
cloak finished with or without elegant  
frills on the edge is most generally popular.for wear with thin summer gowns, and  
some of these are in size not much less  
than a kimono.Embroidered batiste is another material  
for the thin coats, one of which is shown  
in the large illustration trimmed with lace,  
and ornaments of fine silk interlaced with  
black velvet ribbon.Irish lace is charming in the coat falling  
a little below the hips, finished with  
according-plaited frills of chiffon. The sleeves  
are usually flared in shape or in the large  
bishop style with turn-back cuffs of silk.The Empire effect is sometimes carried  
out with a soft scarf around the bust or a  
fitted band of broad silk fastened with two  
or three very large and very elegant  
buttons. A velvet band embroidered in  
colors and silver thread is also very effec-  
tive, and you see this very well carried out  
on a long gray silk coat in Empire style,  
sporting a large sleeve after the Chinese  
model.Bourdillon lace in a deep fern shade  
and in bold design forms one of the really  
serviceable lace coats in three-quarter  
sleeves with chiffon frills. This, like all  
lace coats, is lined with chiffon or tulle  
mousseline, which is also very thin.  
Most useful are the long dust coats, as  
they are called, of tulle, tulle, with one or  
two circular flounces at the hem and stretched  
for the finish. One model in this  
variety had tucked bell-shaped sleeves  
widening into two shaped frills and a fitted  
cape collar overlaid with heavy lace of ex-  
actly the same color.Handsome buttons are a great feature  
of these garments, but if you cannot afford  
the silk or lace, invest in one of white silk  
gloria with cream lace on the collar and a  
long looped bow of black velvet ribbon in  
front, answering the purpose of buttons.Coat linings are a great feature and you  
see polka dotted foulards and batiste em-  
broided with polka dots of different colors.The latter is a charming lining for the  
heavy pongee coats so much worn.There are extremely smart with this lining  
and a heavy lace collar with passementerie  
fringe of same color in the style, fastening  
the front. The dotted batiste is also  
used for lining short blouse coats.Stole-shaped collars are another feature  
of the coats and are made very stunning  
in white linen and Irish lace combined.One very pretty coat of pongee shown  
in the large illustration, has an insertion  
of fine lace down the center of the back,  
outer side of the front and around the  
sleeves. Black silk is in the entire  
length under the arms, and the pongee is  
joined over this with one hand fastened  
with a fancy button. Another more elab-  
orate model is made with a blouse bodice  
in gray moiré and trimmed with black  
velvet and cream guipure.Buge taffeta forms another coat, lined  
with pink silk and finished with black lace  
and chiffon frills of the same color.  
In black taffeta in wide fluted velvet with  
one row of narrow black edged ribbon is  
the next garment with collar of heavy  
cream lace.For a summer evening coat there can be  
nothing much prettier than painted chiffon  
finished with ruffles and lace. The light  
colored tulle also make very attractive  
coats for both afternoon and evening andthey are sometimes trimmed with velvet  
ribbon in bands around the edge.For dust cloaks black and white checked  
silks are used to some extent, but nothing  
can be better for that purpose than pongee  
as it is dust color, very in texture and cool  
and pleasant to wear.However, travelling coats are made of  
silk canvas in shades of gray without any  
lining. This kind of coat is usually plaited  
either in box plaits in the back and  
three in front, or in side plaits all around.One model in beige color is made in box  
plaits with a scarf of black silk run through  
under the plaits around the shoulders and  
across the bust, where it ends in a rosette  
knot with scarf ends. The wide collar is of  
black silk covered with cream lace.Black and white accessories with the  
pongees are extremely smart and especially  
so for the coats.

## THE MEAT INDUSTRY.

Large Increase in Product of Chicago and  
Kansas City—Decrease of New York's.WASHINGTON, July 2.—The Census Bureau  
today issued a report on the slaughtering  
and meat-packing industry in the United  
States in 1900, which shows a capital of  
\$38,000,000 invested in the 921 establish-  
ments engaged in the industry. The value  
of products is returned at \$785,562,433, a  
product which involved an outlay of \$109,  
422,247 for salaries of officials, clerks, and  
\$33,437,013 for wages, \$24,060,412 for mis-  
cellaneous expenses and \$683,583,577 for  
material used.

In value of products Illinois was the

leading State in both 1890 and 1900. Be-  
tween the two census years Kansas ad-  
vanced from third place to second, New  
York dropped from first to fourth, and  
Nebraska advanced from fourth to third.  
Indiana occupied fifth place in both years,  
Iowa fell from sixth to eighth, Massa-  
chusetts advanced from eighth to seventh,  
and California from thirteenth to eleventh.Is there such a thing as a summer en-  
gagement? he asked himself. And then,  
if it is a result of self-deception, what  
is the part of both the individuals enter-  
ing into it or is it a deliberate ruse to cover  
with the mantle of charity some of the  
harshness or selfishness of the human  
condition? It would be impossible here to set down  
the result of the investigations made by  
THE SUN'S agents a final and categorical  
answer to these two interesting questions.In 1900 the order of the leading States  
was: Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York,  
Indiana, Missouri, Massachusetts, Iowa,  
Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, New Jer-  
sey and Wisconsin.The decline in New York of 25.1 per cent.  
in the value of products, and in New Jersey  
of 21.1 per cent. shows that the Western  
dressed meat is supplying much of the de-  
mand that was formerly filled by the Eastern  
dressed article.A comparative summary of these cities  
that in 1900 showed a production to the  
value of \$1,000,000 and over shows that  
the product of Chicago alone reached a  
value of \$26,526,000 in 1900, or 27.7 per cent.  
of the total value in the United States, a  
gain in two years of \$52,021,547, or 20 per  
cent. The number of establishments steadily  
decreased, falling from 70 in 1900 to 57  
in 1901, and 38 in 1902. Kansas City stoodsecond in value of products in 1900, earning  
during the decade \$32,860,579, or 34.8 per  
cent.At the twelfth census New York City  
thoroughly of Manhattan and The Bronx  
stood fourth in value of products, showing  
a decrease between 1900 and 1901 of \$11,  
088,818. Brooklyn in the same time fell off  
\$5,880,722. Jersey City and Newark also  
show a decrease.In this instance, then, the summer en-  
gagement is not a result of self-deception,  
but a deliberate ruse to cover with the  
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or selfishness of the human condition.

## SUMMER AND MATRIMONY.

A STATISTICAL SURVEY OF THE  
EFFECT OF ONE ON THE OTHER.Proving That the Humorous Who Turn Out  
"Summer Engagement" Jokes by the  
Date Are the True With the Creators of the  
Mother-in-Law Legend—Of Interest  
to the Summer Girl, the Summer Man  
and the Troubled Parents of Both.At about this time of year, the nation's  
mediaeval amusements say, look out for jokes  
about the "summer engagement." They  
fall into the class of all editors of funny  
columns by the lake. They are of all  
shades of wit and stupidity. They are  
all based upon the hypothesis that the  
young man at the summer resort and the  
young woman at the summer resort con-  
tract to enter into matrimony with the  
definite intention on the part of one or the  
other, or both, to break the contract at the  
close of the vacation season.It is manifestly difficult to attain ac-  
curate statistics to show conclusively to  
what extent the hardworking and hard-  
working humorists have their gifts on fact,  
tradition or pure imagination. Those  
who suffer most by the perpetration of  
such jests are neither the joke makers  
nor the joke readers but the editors, who  
have to throw away on such paragraphs  
for every one of the countless thousands  
which they print. And one of these editors  
the other day was moved to curious re-  
flections when he realized how much ofengagement affords no grounds for the joke  
writer's indictment, though it was alto-  
gether barren of result and inevitably  
lacked permanency.Case 1. At 10 N. J. Miss A., daughter  
of a Philadelphia lawyer, known at home as  
exceptionally sedate, met Mr. F. at a dinner  
at which there were four girls and but two  
young men present, and there was consid-  
erable quiet rivalry among the young women.  
Miss A. toward the close of the dinner was  
observed to have completely absorbed to  
herself the attention of Mr. F. Other girls  
said afterward she had done it by putting  
her foot in his lap under cover of the table  
cloth. Engagement, continued until one  
week after young Mr. F. returned to his  
home.Case 2. Some place, some young woman,  
Miss J., her father's lead clerk, began coming  
twice a week, looking over the papers  
each time with others for the study of  
Miss J. Engagement announced three weeks  
after breaking of the engagement with Mr. F.  
Family gave it out that this engagement  
had been pending for two years and had  
only been put off for a little while by the  
gratitude of Mr. J., which they said, under  
the phrase of Mr. William Collier, was a  
"trick."But the head clerk was sent to  
England to get evidence in a case which  
occupied all his time from August to late  
October. Young woman since married to  
son of father's senior partner.These two cases seem to bear out the  
joke manufacturers in every detail. It is  
quite apparent that the young woman  
has all the characteristics commonly attri-  
buted to the young woman since married to  
son of father's senior partner.In case 3 it is quite apparent that the  
young man was willing to have the engage-  
ment remain permanent, though there is  
no evidence to show that he was heart-  
broken when it did not. There is no evi-  
dence whatever to show that the young  
woman regarded the engagement as any-  
thing else but an ease to her conscience  
and that of the none too strict chaperones  
who are likely to be found by those wholook for chaperones at summer resorts.  
Case 3. In the big art gallery at 220  
Madison street, New York, the young man  
in this case certainly meant business and  
engaged a position, which he had done  
much to obtain and which promised him a  
great future, and which, thanks to the far-  
sightedness and tact of his employer, is  
still open.Case 4. At Long Branch, Miss L., a daugh-  
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## ALL TALK OF THE FLATIRON.

NEW CARES FOR A POLICEMAN  
AT A BUSY CROSSING.Shoppers keep him under a Rapid Fire  
of Questions About the Big Build-  
ing That Looks Like a Chunk of  
Lager Cake—Varied Emotions Ex-  
cited by It—It Won't Blow Over."There is the Flatiron Building," he said  
as they reached the curb on the north side  
of Twenty-fifth street in their stroll down  
Fifth avenue."It's a shame," she said.  
She is studying architecture and civic  
improvement because she likes to and has  
lots of ideas about such things."They'd better call it by the old-fashioned  
name—sailor. I suppose it's iron and I'm  
sure it's said," she went on."Why? why should they put a great big  
wedge like that right up there where the  
two greatest streets in the world cross each  
other? Couldn't they let a little triangular  
patch of ground like that go to good green  
grass?""I've heard that that little triangular  
patch is worth about two million dollars.  
You can get grass lands for about a dollar  
an acre if you go far enough out of town."  
"I don't care if it's worth four millions,"  
she said, getting indignant. "Money isn't  
everything.""It's a wonderful building."  
"It's beautiful. It's just a great  
chunk. Why don't they call it the pie  
building? It looks like a piece."

"You might at least call it the chocolate

cake. It's got twenty stories—I mean  
layers.""Yes, you think that just because a build-  
ing is high it's tall. The Flatiron is more  
on a day like this. If you don't like the  
Flatiron we'll have it pulled down."They might as well have pulled a little  
park there. One of those pieces of safety  
at a busy corner, only more beautiful.""You mean a sort of peninsula of safety  
with an archway for the ladies to drop  
into after crossing the avenue and  
doing through the traffic. Yes, and  
they could have park attendants on hand  
with municipal feeding salts.""I don't care. There should be a little  
park there with some monument or  
statue. Then it would be almost as beauti-  
ful as our own Coplay Square at home,  
only different."Then they crossed Twenty-third street  
and went on down Fifth avenue, she linger-  
ing at the back street and picture store win-  
dows and looking for a restaurant."Did you hear them chewing the rag about  
that building?" asked the big policeman  
the crossing, who saves it from the thou-  
sands of women every week by piloting  
them from curb to curb. "Well, it's the  
same way all day long."So the Flatiron building and some  
other, but most all think it's queer when  
they first see it. It sort of bursts on them  
suddenly and they sit right in the middle  
of the tracks to rubber at it. It's made  
this way as hard as it is used to be. I  
wish the architects of that Flatiron had my  
job for half a day to answer questions  
about it."Then the rush across the avenue got a  
little more lively than usual, and the police-  
man began to talk for publication  
about the Flatiron building. There is no ap-  
parently any reason for it. Young woman  
not apparently heartened by his departure,  
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## ALL TALK OF THE FLATIRON.

NEW CARES FOR A POLICEMAN  
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ing That Looks Like a Chunk of  
Lager Cake—Varied Emotions Ex-  
cited by It—It Won't Blow Over."There is the Flatiron Building," he said  
as they reached the curb on the north side  
of Twenty-fifth street in their stroll down  
Fifth avenue."It's a shame," she said.  
She is studying architecture and civic  
improvement because she likes to and has  
lots of ideas about such things."They'd better call it by the old-fashioned  
name—sailor. I suppose it's iron and I'm  
sure it's said," she went on."Why? why should they put a great big  
wedge like that right up there where the  
two greatest streets in the world cross each  
other? Couldn't they let a little triangular  
patch of ground like that go to good green  
grass?""I've heard that that little triangular  
patch is worth about two million dollars.  
You can get grass lands for about a dollar  
an acre if you go far enough out of town."  
"I don't care if it's worth four millions,"  
she said, getting indignant. "Money